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SUBJ: ECOSOC 55 - SUMMARY OF SESSION TO DATE

1. PLENARY SESSION OPENED JULY 4 WITH STATEMENTS BY SYG WALDHEIM AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRAZAO. GENERAL DEBATE WAS CONCLUDED IN SUBSEQUENT SIX WORKING DAYS THROUGH JULY 12, WITH 54 STATEMENTS DELIVERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS, SESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, REPS OF UN BODIES AND AGENCIES AND OBSERVERS. AMB. SCALI DELIVERED STATEMENT JULY 9 ON THEME OF DIRECTION OF UN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AGAINST BACKGROUND OF IMPROVEMENT IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. STATEMENT CONTAINED SECTIONS ON STATE OF US ECONOMY, USG POSITIONS ON AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER RELIEF ESPECIALLY IN SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION, DRUG CONTROL, ECOSOC REVITALIZATION AND UN INFORMATION PROGRAMS. MAJORITY OF SPEAKERS

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ADDRESSED ISSUES OF REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF IDS, MONETARY

CRISIS, UPCOMING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, ECOSOC REFORM AND REVITALIZATION, COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY AND SAHELIAN AID. WITH EXCEPTION DUTCH, STATEMENTS TENDED TO PERPETUATE THE WELL-KNOWN DISPARATE POSITIONS OF THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THE STATE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN GENERAL AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS IN PARTICULAR. AMONG WEO COUNTRIES, THE SCANDINAVIANS CONTINUED TO TAKE A MORE "FORTHCOMING" ATTITUDE TOWARD THE LDCE WHILE THE NETHERLANDS STATEMENT WAS PORTRAYED BY WAGS AS THE DECLARATION OF THE GROUP OF 78.

2. TUNISIAN SUGGESTION THAT ECOSOC ADDRESS APPEAL TO ALL GOVERNMENTS ON SAHELIAN AID RESULTED IN SOME DEBATE BUT ENDED IN CONSENSUS APPROVAL OF FRAZAO-INSPIRED TEXT AT JULY 6 MEETING.

3. PLENARY WILL MEET NEXT WEEK FOR BRIEF "SECOND ROUND" OF GENERAL DEBATE AT REQUEST OF CHILEAN SANTA CRUZ. DEBATE WILL FOCUS ON THEMES DEVELOPED IN GENERAL DEBATE. SUBSEQUENTLY, PLENARY SCHEDULED TO HAVE ONE SESSION PER WEEK TO DEAL WITH COMMITTEES' REPORTS ON ITEMS.

4. ECONOMIC AND COORDINATION COMMITTEES COMMENCED WORK JULY 6, EACH MEETING IN ONLY ONE SESSION PER DAY WHILE PLENARY IN SESSION. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE BEGAN WITH CONSIDERATION ITEM 9: REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND DIRECTOR OF UNESOB PRESENTED ANNUAL REPORTS. COMMITTEE MET JULY 12 AND 13 TO CONSIDER ITEM 11: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND IS DUE TO BEGIN CONSIDERATION ITEM 4: REVIEW AND APPRAISAL DDII NEXT WEEK. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ONE BRIEF MEETING ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL TO ENTERTAIN STATEMENT BY SWEDISH DELEGATE. IT THEN EXPECTED TO PROCEED IN A WORKING GROUP ON AN "ALL MEMBERS INVITED" BASIS. WG SHOULD BEGIN JULY 16. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WILL MEET CONCURRENTLY WITH WG BUT THIS NOT CERTAIN SINCE EXPECTED RANKING MEMBERS WG WILL ALSO WISH TO ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS. COORDINATION COMMITTEE GAVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO ITEM 20: ASSISTANCE TO THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN ZONE. SIXTEEN-POWER RESOLUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION (US INCLUDED AS SPONSOR) ADOPTED APPEALING TO GOVERNMENTS, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED COUNTRIES. COMMITTEE SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK UP ITEM 17: COORDINATION, WITH STATEMENTS FROM DGMAHEU OF UNESCO, JENKS, ILO AND GOAD, IMCO. COMMITTEE ALSO TOOK UP PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF ITEM 18: SPECIALIZED AGENCY STATUS FOR WIPO. DECISION TAKEN TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS

WITHIN PRESENT SESSION ECOSOC, THUS FINAL ACTION BY THIS COUNCIL CAN PRESUMABLY BE TAKEN.

5. PREDOMINANT THEMES OF CORRIDOR TALK WERE A) LEBANESE PROPOSAL ON ESTABLISHMENT OF WEST ASIAN REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION (WAREC) AND B) ARRANGEMENTS FOR ORGANIZATION OF WORKING GROUP OF REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, AND C) THE COST OF LIVING IN GENEVA. AS REGARDS WAREC, THE LEBANESE INTENTION TO PRESS FOR APPROVAL OF THEIR RESOLUTION EARLY IN THE SESSION SEEMED TO BE WAVERING TOWARD THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION EXPRESSED BY THE US DELEGATION WITH SOME AID FROM THE DUTCH. OPPONENTS OF THE RESOLUTION FAVORED POSTPONEMENT OF THE ITEM ON THE GROUNDS OF THE QUESTIONABLE LEGALITY OF THE RESOLUTION, IN THAT IT CLEARLY IS DESIGNED TO EXCLUDE ONE MEMBER-STATE OF THE REGION. FORMAL AND INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE HAVE BEEN INTENSE AND HAVING SOME EFFECT.

6. MANY DELEGATIONS WERE HANGING ALL OF THEIR HOPES FOR THIS SESSION ON THE R/A EXERCISE AND IN THAT CONTEXT WERE ANXIOUS RE ESTABLISHMENT OF WG AND QUESTION OF ITS OFFICERS. BEHIND SCENES CONSULTATIONS RESULTED IN SELECTION OF AMB. NIAT (PAKISTAN) AS CHAIRMAN AND BRITO (BRAZIL) AS RAPPORTEUR.

7. TO DISMAY OF US DELEGATION AND AMBIVALENT REACTION OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, SWISS FRANC WENT TO 2.6 PER DOLLAR DURING THE PERIOD AND CONSTITUTED VERY PERSONAL REMINDER OF GLOBAL MONETARY CRISIS. BASSIN

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